



March 20, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I have written in the past to support LightSquared, as it tries to build a network that will provide universal coverage to every region of Kentucky. As the Executive Director of an organization that represents members from all 120 Kentucky counties, I have firsthand knowledge about these communities and especially the issues relating to county governments.

The agricultural interests of rural western Kentucky suffers from a lack of broadband coverage that impacts a large portion of our state and the area of Appalachia contains some of the most beautiful, wild, and scenic areas in America. Unfortunately, these areas, because they lie in rural mountainous regions, are virtually inaccessible to cellular telephone service.

I write today to inform you of the fact that LightSquared, which has a history of helping Kentucky's disaster relief workers in the past, east and west, stepped up to the plate once again and provided satellite telephones and other communications devices to first responders in Eastern Kentucky, in the wake of the terrible tornadoes which hit our region last week. This was the worst destruction I have ever seen from a natural disaster, and I don't want to see it again.

As I have written in the past, rural Kentucky has suffered for years with inadequate cell service, and virtually no wireless internet service, even on the 2G level, much less 3G or the proposed 4G service. This is an economic issue as well as a public safety issue. The modern world is based on education and learning, and without the ability to use sophisticated equipment that requires good cell phone service, our young people are hampered from reaching their educational potential.

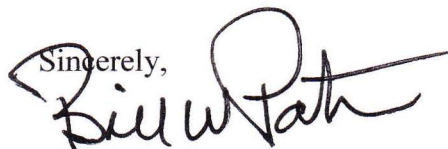
This is also an economic development issue that impacts my association members, elected officials themselves, who represent people in some of the most remote areas of Kentucky, where the mountains make providing cell phone service with traditional towers virtually impossible. This means that businesses in these areas cannot adequately communicate with their employees, vendors, or anyone who might want to make a cell phone call. You can imagine the impact this

has, when businesses choose not to locate or create jobs, because there is inadequate infrastructure to meet their needs.

The economy is bad all across our nation, but it has always been bad for certain parts of our state, and only providing modern infrastructure will draw new industry and new jobs to these same communities. While I am very impressed with the fact that LightSquared was able to help our disaster relief workers on an emergency basis, I would be even more impressed if the FCC can help LightSquared find alternative bandwidths on which to operate its network, so that we can have the benefits of this system every day. Our people badly need it, and only LightSquared is in a position to meet that need.

In the past, I have made known my support of LightSquared's efforts, and in the wake of its support of Kentucky's disaster relief workers, my own support is even stronger. I urge the FCC to help LightSquared find some type of solution that will allow it to go forward, whether that is through some type of exchange of bandwidth, or through some other process.

The members of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association are very involved in their own areas to work toward community improvement and economic development projects and a better quality of life for the citizens they represent. As the Executive Director of their association, I want thank you for this opportunity to voice our strong opinions, and thank you for your assistance to rural America.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director
Kentucky County Attorneys Association